

J.J.N. School Council Meeting Agenda March 16th, 2022, 6:30 p.m.

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Mark Kay, Chair

Beinta Hansen-Wong, Secretary and Major Projects Committee

Cheri Steiner, President F&F

Serena Shaw, Trustee

Grace Kully, Partners in Prayer

Ashley Dascavich, Compassionate Friends

Sarah Deuckman, Major Projects Committee

Gage Atkinson, Yearbook

Marina Lotoski, Principal

Darren Skalski, Vice Principal

1. Call to Order at 6:31pm.

2. Attendance: Linda Svob Mozak, Ashley Dascavich, Vanessa Clarke, Beinta Hansen-Wong, Mark Kay, Serena Shaw, Grace Kelly, Marina Lotoski, Darren Skalski, Debbie Holmes, Janessa Ferris, Carly Haynes, and Christine Macdonald.

3. Welcome, Acknowledgement, Prayer, Introductions

4. Adoption of Agenda (vote)

First: Grace Kelly

Second: Ashley Dascavich

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

5. Review and adoption of previous Minutes (Feb 16, 2022)

None opposed.

6. Administration Report

See attached report.

7. Trustee's Report

See attached report.

8. Chairperson Report:

- Nomination forms for Council come out/ start March 17, 2022. This is not for Friends, Friends is yearly before October 31, at their AGM.
- It's been difficult finding a bullying course in our budget, what are some other suggestions? I suggest Icki Girls.
- Plant wall update, covered by Marina or myself

- Council of Council's meeting coming up at the start of April. Use of personal email addresses for Chair's is on the agenda, nothing else so far.

First: Beinta Hansen-Wong

Second: Christine Macdonld

Motion was made in favour of using the School Council engagement grant money for the Icki Girls presentation - 10 electronic votes YES.

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

9. Friends & Family report

No meeting this month but will meet again on April 20th, 2022

See attached report.

10. Old Business

-Teachers Wish List

Reminder to chat to people about filling Council spots. Every position is up for election every year, new ideas are always great.

11. Committee Reports

a) Yearbook - Report - Gage

b) Compassionate Friends -Ashley

I received the final draft of all the parent volunteers and there contact information that signed up for Compassionate Friends.

I then sent an email out to the contacts addressing that we currently have two families at JJ in need and are requesting various gift cards or experience vouchers.

They are currently being collected and sent into the school office. (I currently have some, I'm just waiting for some more I know that are coming in next week)

I will then organize the baskets/cards and distribute them to the families in need of support.

c) Partners In Prayer - Grace

Nothing to Report.

d) Major Projects Committee - Sarah & Beinta

Nothing to Report.

12. New Business

A motion was made to move the May meeting from May 18th, 2022 to May 25th 2022.

First: Debbie Holmes

Second: Linda Svob Mozak

All in favour, none opposed. MOTION carried.

13. Next meeting April 20, 2022, 630pm, Election Meeting

14. Adjournment (vote) at 7:13pm.

Report Cards

Report Cards will be made available on the Parent portal in PowerSchool on March 21, 2022. Prior to this date, please be sure you have accessed your account in order to retrieve your child's report card. Call the office if you need assistance.

Gr. 4 Parents

Alberta Education Assurance Survey has been extended to Friday, April 1, 2022!

- Parents/guardians of grade 4, 7 and 10 students have been sent a letter from Alberta Education containing an access code to complete their survey.
- <https://public.education.alberta.ca/APOS/>

Alberta School Council Engagement (ASCE) Grant (\$500)

This new grant provides funding to school authorities for each school in order to support school councils fulfilling their legislated responsibilities in the education system and enhancing parent involvement and engagement.

Options:

- ***Ikigirl** - presentation offering information and strategies to use for various mental health issues affecting school-aged children and touch lightly on the effects of the pandemic on children.*
- ASCA



Workshops

Audience	Foundation	Enhancement
School Councils Groups of School Councils	School Council Introduction School Council Establishment School Council Purpose Fundraising Association Partnership Purpose Tools for Effective School Councils The Work of School Council: <i>it's NOT About the Meeting</i> The School Council-Trustee Relationship	Operating Procedures Policies and Practices Effective Engagement in Your School Community Creating School Council Plans Building Positive Partnerships Managing School Council Meetings
School Division Administration Principals School Boards	School Council Purpose Partnering with Fundraising Associations The School Council-Trustee Relationship	Effective Principal Engagement and Collaboration with School Councils Creating and Managing Productive School Council Meetings
Fundraising Associations	Fundraising Association Introduction Fundraising Association Fundamental Principles	Fundraising Association Bylaws Fundraising Association Policies and Practices Fundraising Association Financial Practices

Workshops designed to empower school councils and promote diverse and inclusive parent engagement in public education.

Learning platforms for school councils, groups of school councils, division administration, school boards and fundraising associations.

Presented in two focus areas of foundation and enhancement levels.

Registration For 2022-23 School Year

Returning GSACRD students (K to Gr. 6): Register via their PowerSchool Parent Portal - [LINK](#).

New GSACRD Students: [LINK](#)

Pre-Kindergarten: If you are interested in enrolling your child in Pre-Kindergarten, please complete the Pre-Kindergarten Inquiry Form located on our [GSACRD website](#).

JJN Events for March & April:

- March 17 - Scoil Rince Mahoney Dancers
- March 18 - PD Day - No School
- March 21 - Report Cards available on PowerSchool Parent Portal
- March 22 & 23 - Kindergarten Celebration of Learning
- March 24 - Booster Juice Day
- March 25 - NO SCHOOL - Day in lieu
- March 28 to April 3 - NO SCHOOL - Spring Break
- April 4 - Classes resume

SCHOOL COUNCIL: JJN STAFF WISH LIST 21/22

Item	Description - What benefit is it for students? Does it benefit all or some students?	Cost & where to purchase it from
Echo the Dolphin Mascot Suit	Self explanatory - Joy for all	\$3000 - \$5000
Flyleaf Series	Books for Teaching Phonemic Awareness and Phonics: Emergent level for Gr. 2	Flyleaf Publishing https://flyleafpublishing.com/emergent-reader-series-complete-classroom-set/ \$1317.00 US
Flyleaf Series	https://flyleafpublishing.com/reading-series-one-decodable-books Reading Series 1 - Foundational Skills	\$796.60 US

	Consolidation Reading Series 3 - Advanced skills	\$1572.00 US
New Plant Wall	Self watering plant wall - Would need some research into a self watering system	?
Updated literacy books for classroom libraries	Beneficial for the literacy program	Give \$200 - \$300 to each teacher to purchase books. 47 classes (including music)
Whiteboards for individual student use	5C - 26 4B - 15 or so. 4A - 15 or more, lots in rough shape	Education Station - 30 for \$110 3 sets = \$330.00
Ipads	The ones on the ipad cart (24 ipads) are old and do not support all of the apps classes would like to use. Would benefit from purchasing new ones	64 gb ipad - \$429.00 each Approx \$3300.00 S. C. (up to \$4000 F & F) - 7 ipads (one for each grade one to three classroom) Voted on Oct 13, 2021 Received
Student Privacy Boards	3-sided student desk privacy boards 4B - Would like about 8	Education Station 15.99 for a 4 pack https://www.educationstation.ca/search/?q=privacy+boards \$35
Chromebooks	Grade 3 chromebooks are aging. It would be a good item to plan to	\$200 each - ordered through LTS

	replenish for this year or next.	Voted on Jan meeting 7 chromebooks on order
Furniture for student pods	Students often work in the halls and we have only one set of sofa's for them to sit on so they are on the floor. It would be lovely to offer them pods of comfortable furniture to work on	Approx. \$2000.
Music stands for xylophone / metallophones STAND	<p>This makes playing instruments easier and more functional - especially when played for performances (hopefully live performances one day?).</p> <p>4-6 stands are requested to bring up our soprano xylophones further from the ground. It is difficult for students especially to play soprano xylophones/metallophones</p>	<p>Shipping = \$30 for 4 4 stands = \$792.00 GST = \$39.60 TOTAL for 4 stands = \$861.60</p> <p>Shipping = \$30 for 6 6 stands = \$1,188.00 GST = \$59.40 TOTAL for 6 stands = \$1277.40</p>
Mallets Glockenspiel Medium tone Soft tone	We love to play instruments and having the right mallets makes a world of difference. Over the years, many mallets have needed replacing. Additionally, more mallets means more placing because disinfecting is more management between students and classes.	<p>Glock mallets 2 pairs = 13.95 each Med tone mallets = 3 pairs \$31.95 each Soft tone mallets = 8 pairs \$31.95 each</p> <p>No shipping required as I can pick them up at St. John's music. \$27.90 + \$95.85 + \$255.60 = 379..35 + GST (\$18.87) = \$398.32</p>
Kimochis - Social and emotional learning	Social/emotional program that benefits all and allows a kid-friendly way to discuss hard feelings. Focuses on mental wellbeing through relatable characters. This program helps create an optimistic, caring environment where children feel connected, included and valued—a place where significant learning can occur and everyone can communicate with respect and kindness.	<p>Grade 1-5 Tool kit \$550USD</p> <p>Voted on Jan meeting - On order</p>

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Regular Board Meeting Summary February 28, 2022 Virtual Meeting

Division News

Open house season continues with our junior high and high schools' virtual and in-person open houses beginning last week and continuing in the weeks to come. This year, the Communications Coordinator, Sarah Donnelly will be joining the open houses to create a day in the life campaign of all our schools.

Many of our schools participated in Olympic celebrations with their students getting creative and building their own sporting equipment and participating in fun games at school. Students enjoyed activities indoors and outdoors filled with competitive spirit, laughter and smiles all around. Our schools also celebrated Valentine's Day, Random Acts of Kindness Day and Pink Shirt Day on February 23rd.

The 2022 Virtual Teachers' Convention took place earlier this month. Teachers were able to learn from various speakers and participate in engaging professional development sessions with new learnings to bring back to their classrooms.

Congratulations to our Rotary Teacher of the Month, Tahani Mikhael from École Marie Poburan who was celebrated at the February 25th St. Albert Rotary meeting.

School News

After 23 months, Morinville Community High School's cheer team finally had a chance to step back on the competition mat. The group was the smallest team at the competition, but they gave it their all, bringing home 1st in Game Day and 2nd in All Girl Advanced, also earning a bid to provincials in April. Congratulations!

Morinville Community High School also received renderings of what the new Career and Technology Services modernization will look like. They are hopeful that construction will be completed over the summer and ready in time for the next school year.



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Kindness was a common theme in many of our schools during February. Students from J.J. Nearing Catholic Elementary school watched their Kindness Tree Bloom over the month as students showcased the kindness they spread! We could all use a little extra kindness in our day!

Students from Legal School decorated Postcards for Kindness that were delivered around the Town of Legal. The school received phone calls thanking the students for making someone's day. What a wonderful act of service for our students to participate in!

St. Kateri Tekakwitha Academy students also participated in spreading the word of kindness within their community by creating special messages to accompany coffee orders at the Morinville McDonalds.

Giving back to our community is one of our priorities with projects often led by schools and staff. But, there is nothing that makes us more proud than when our students take on their own giving-back initiatives. A few students from Sister Alphonse Academy organized a school fundraiser for the Stollery Children's Hospital, raising \$525.

École Father Jan students celebrated their French Heritage and Culture with Carnaval! Carnaval is truly one of the highlights every year. This year, they blessed with wonderful weather for the event! Bonhomme even made an appearance!

The ESSACHS Junior Girls and Junior Boys had a great weekend of basketball. The junior girls' team placed second in the SCA Tournament this weekend. After being down 19-2, the Skyhawks came back and fell short 58-51. Great work ladies on a hard fought game! The junior boys' basketball team won the consolation draw of the SCA tournament. The boys lost their first game of the tournament in a hard fought battle on Thursday. However, they managed to string together two straight wins on Friday and Saturday including a 16-point come from behind win against Paul Kane. Congratulations to Nick Baldwin who was named team MVP for the tournament.

The music specialist teacher for Neil M. Ross and Sister Alphonse Academy, Mrs. Janice Manderson, was recently nominated by one of her students for the Excellence in the Arts Teaching Award - Sponsored by the City of St. Albert. The Mayor just recently wrote her a letter of congratulations on her nomination. Janice is so deserving of this nomination, as she shares her passion about music with her students and truly inspires them to enjoy music in so many different ways. We are very excited for Janice and had to share this wonderful news with you.

ESSACHS secured \$5500 in academic awards sponsorship for their annual awards night. The top grade in each subject/option will receive \$100 for their fantastic achievements. For example, the student with the top mark in Math 10C and Math 10-3 will each receive \$100 if there are ties the money will be split.

CONSENT & ACTION ITEMS

The following Action items were approved:

- 12.1: Review of Board Policy 10: Policy Making, Policy 11: Board Delegation of Authority, Policy 16: Alternative Programs (Morozniuk)
- St. Gabriel Education Centre - Additional programming
- Wellness Hub and Flexible Hybrid Programming - Additional programming
- Funding for St. Gabriel Education Centre - Additional programming
- Trustee Handbook Update

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- Faith and Spiritual Initiatives Update (Giesbrecht)
- Infrastructure/Capital Maintenance Renewal Update (IMR/CMR) (Paulik)
- Plant Operations and Maintenance (PO&M) Update (Paulik)
- Transportation Overview (Paulik)

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

The next Regular Board meeting is scheduled to take place on March 14, 2022 at 3:30 p.m.

Families and Friends March Update.

Our bank balance is currently \$13,316.44 There is \$5000.00 set aside for the playground and we are waiting on the invoice for the IPADS, 7 chromebooks and the Kimochi's Social Emotional Learning Kit.

FUNDRAISERS

Mom's Pantry is ongoing. Orders to be in by March 23, 2022. Delivery will be on April 6 or 11.

MEMBERSHIPS

- Forms are available

HOT LUNCH

March 17 – Edo.

There is no Families and Friends meeting this month we will be meeting on April 20 at 6 pm prior to council meeting and after if needed. Going forward our meetings will be held after council meetings and will be in the WAG.